

An update from Paul Harris, Chief Executive of Port Sunlight Village Trust

I think it is fair to say that 2020 is a year that none of us will forget! Our lives have changed dramatically – some irrevocably – and the importance of family, friends, community and our environment have been brought sharply into focus.



First, the impact of Covid-19. Like many other people in the village, some of the staff of Port Sunlight Village Trust (PSVT) have been on furlough for a large part of this year, with our visitor services team still away. As I write, our offices remain closed to the public, our museum and Bridge Cottage Community Hub are both shut and services are reduced. We have also taken the very difficult decision to permanently close our tea room which has resulted in some staff redundancies. All of this has had significant human and economic impacts which will be felt for some time to come.

Our overgrown landscape has been a wonderful boon for some – especially wildlife – but understandably the unmanicured look isn't to everyone's taste. Many thanks to our hardworking landscaping staff who since returning from furlough have brought some sense of order back to our open spaces.

Achievements in adversity

However, despite the lockdowns, furloughs and closures, our lives and that of our village have continued in 2020. As this edition of the Gazette (our first this year!) illustrates, many good things have happened in our village this year. Thanks

to Arts Council England funding – and a sunny summer – together we have delivered a fantastic programme of outdoor and online community activities. These have been a real team effort with some great suggestions via an online survey, some wonderful creative practitioners who have delivered sessions and a really engaged community. We should all be immensely proud of our endeavours which are outlined on page 6. And the good news is that the programme will continue for the rest of 2020.

Many thanks also go to the volunteers who led the socially-distanced guided walking tour programme that we've been able to host this year - they'll be returning in the new year - and also to the outdoor food and drink concessions that we hosted on Museum Green; Hyacinth Ice Cream, Happy Days Mobile Bar and Espresso Eccellente. They were a massive hit and you'll no doubt be pleased that they're here for December (see page 10).

2020 has also been noteworthy for the Black Lives Matter protests and the spotlight they shone on the abuses and inequalities that Black people have and continue to endure. Port Sunlight Village Trust is committed to recognising any

impact our founder, Lord Leverhulme, had in his business dealings and to addressing inequalities within our own organisation and our community. More on page 4.

Looking forward to 2021

Our new family interactive experience, Soapworks, is now complete and will be opening early next year along with the rest of Port Sunlight Museum. Soapworks is based in The Lyceum and is a permanent part of our museum offer, designed to encourage more children to engage with the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects. Thanks to AIM Biffa Award for an award made through their History Makers scheme, Unilever, and also to the National Lottery Heritage Fund which has supported a lot of the reopening costs of the museum including our new online ticketing hub - <https://tickets.portsunlightvillage.com/> - and clean hands kits for using with exhibits. Details to follow...

Speaking of lotteries, we're pleased to launch ours! The Port Sunlight Lottery is a great way to support your village while being in with the chance of becoming £1,000 better off. Details on the back page.

On a more serious note, PSVT has secured funding from Historic England to document the impact of Covid-19 on Port Sunlight and to identify the threats and opportunities for the village's community and heritage. Thanks to everyone who has already taken part in the project. The next steps, and how we are using the information, are outlined on page 5.

Finally, every year in the winter Gazette I remind us all that Christmas can be a lonely time for some, and that is probably truer of 2020 than ever. If you can put a smile on someone's face – remind them that they are a valued part of our community – then please do.

I wish you all a safe, healthy, peaceful and festive Christmas and new year, and look forward to seeing you *in person* in 2021.

Paul Harris, Chief Executive, Port Sunlight Village Trust



AWARD SUCCESS!

For the third year in a row, Port Sunlight village has won both a Green Flag Award and Green Heritage Site Accreditation.

These are internationally-recognised awards which celebrate the specialist skills and hard work required to manage beautiful, historic and varied sites such as ours.

Unfortunately, the usual awards ceremony could not go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions, however, our success, and that of parks and gardens across the UK, was celebrated through a series of special interviews.

Our interview, which discussed the importance of both horticulture and heritage during the lockdown, took place outdoors in the village and was broadcast across social media on the 14th October and projected onto the white cliffs of Dover!

Watch the interview on YouTube bit.ly/PSVT-GreenFlag



Claire Bates with the second prize winner in our Flowerpot Character Competition – Potapus

“How am I supposed to pay my rent if I can't get into the office?”

It seems such a long time ago since we closed the PSVT office on 18th March and a lot has happened since then, but throughout we have tried to provide an excellent service for all of our residents.

However, we are regularly asked by worried tenants “How am I supposed to pay my rent if I can't get into the office?”

Many tenants who normally paid at the PSVT office have enrolled in the Direct Debit scheme. This is the simplest and most convenient way for you to pay regular bills and means you don't have to worry about making or missing payments.

To start paying by Direct Debit you need to fill in a short form and return it to us at 23 King George's Drive. To request a form please call us on 0151 644 4800 or email admin@portsunlightvillage.com and we will get one to you.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

This summer's Black Lives Matter protests have brought into focus Port Sunlight Village Trust's role in caring for Port Sunlight's heritage while using it to inspire, educate and entertain.

RESPECT IS ONE OF OUR CORE CHARITABLE VALUES; WE VALUE DIVERSITY AND ASPIRE TO TREAT EVERYONE FAIRLY.

THE PROBLEM

We know that our museum and public spaces do not currently explore the more difficult and challenging aspects of William Lever's business practices, and so we are committing to telling the full and balanced story. Specifically, we will:

- Talk about William Lever's colonialist enterprises in Central Africa and elsewhere.
- Explore the impact Lever may have had on other communities, both near and far.
- Highlight racism.

By working with our partners and our community we will help bring new meaning to Port Sunlight's heritage, to encourage fresh perspectives and conversation, and relate a true picture of events.

DEALING WITH INEQUALITIES

We understand that the challenge does not end with the story of William Lever and that we must also deal with inequalities within our own organisation and the wider village community. Our next steps will lay the foundations for this anti-racism aspiration and in 2020/21 we will:

- Review the museum's collection and our heritage assets to identify past and present associations with racism and colonialism.
- Commission an internal diversity audit of our working practices, policies, plans and programmes.
- Work with village and academic partners to commission independent research to better understand the impact of William Lever's business practices on people.
- Support our workforce to publicly present the more challenging aspects of William Lever's legacy.

The Leverhulme Memorial has been the focus of criticism



HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PORT SUNLIGHT

Thank you to everyone – both residents and businesses – who took part in our recent surveys to gauge the impact of Covid-19 on Port Sunlight. Your input is invaluable.

Just to recap on what we are doing and why: Covid-19 continues to be hugely disruptive for us all. It's important that our community takes the time to understand and document the impact of the pandemic on our unique village – both the very real challenges and some of the unexpected benefits. What we have learnt about ourselves? How we can build on that learning to aid our recovery and ensure Port Sunlight is a thriving place to live, work and visit in future?

We want to capture a snapshot of this extraordinary time in history by researching, documenting and sharing the personal accounts and experiences of the people of Port

Sunlight. We also want to share our learning and experiences with other similar communities and across the UK's heritage sector to ensure the exchange of knowledge.

The next step

We have already run a couple of surveys (thanks to Boysenberry Catering & Deli and Edge & Son Butchers in New Ferry who provided the prize drawer hamper that was won by a lucky survey respondent in the village). We are now undertaking individual and group conversations, and early in the new year will also be asking people to share their experiences across our social media channels. This will help us to build up an archive of different stories, podcasts

and conversations. We will also be developing a dedicated website for the project.

What are the benefits of taking part?

In the shorter term the project will help us to connect at a difficult time. Despite a vaccine on the horizon, we are still facing a period of isolation and restrictions – this 'coming together' will help mitigate that.

In the longer term you will help us to understand some of the challenges and unexpected benefits of Covid-19, ensuring we are incorporating them in our future plans and activities, and that Port Sunlight is a thriving place to live, work and visit.

And by sharing your experiences you will be contributing to a legacy of stories and community activities for future generations.

Any questions?

Email projectlockdown@portsunlightvillage.com

This project is funded by Historic England, the organisation which helps protect England's historic environment, as part of their Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund grant.



SHOP LOCAL FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR SOFA!

Looking for that special stocking filler? Check out our Port Sunlight themed gifts. There's much more in our shop – let us know if you've something in mind!



£4

DISCOVER PORT SUNLIGHT GUIDEBOOK

Know a history fan? This fascinating 25-page guidebook will introduce them to William Lever, his vision, town planning, housing, architecture, the locals, health and recreation, and Port Sunlight at war. It also provides a brief guide to Port Sunlight Museum.



£5

TOTE BAG

This super-versatile bag is great for everyday use as well as making a thoughtful gift. The exclusive design was created by artist, Stephanie Cole, who specialises in surface pattern designs.



£9

TRAVEL MUG

Another exclusive item from the Stephanie Cole range, this insulated, reusable travel mug is stylish and great for the environment. Perfect for hot and cold liquids.



£3

SUNLIGHT SOAP

Step back to a time when laundry was done by hand! This traditional Sunlight Soap is very versatile – ideal for handwashing those delicate garments, dishes, hard surfaces and even your hands. (Two bars per pack.)

HOW TO ORDER

Email: info@portsunlightvillage.com

Phone: 07514 648 571 / 07592 035 051

We'll confirm when your items are ready to collect or we can deliver to village addresses.

Covid-19 has had a deep and devastating effect on our community hub as we rely on donations and venue hire income. If you can support us please donate through our 'support us' page: www.portsunlightvillage.com.



Like many venues across the UK, we were forced to close our doors for a sizeable part of the year, and even once restrictions were lifted our building was not big enough to accommodate socially-distanced staff, volunteers and groups and so has remained closed. But like many other community centres we adapted!

Thanks to Arts Council England funding we were able to deliver 'The Light Touch Village'; a free, three-month programme of online, outdoor and self-led activities, designed to support residents' mental and physical health and delivered by local creative practitioners.

Community members took part in online dance and poetry classes, outdoor circus skills workshops, as well as picking up craft kits to enjoy at home.

The project's funding has ended but we've extended the self-led and online activities into December. So, if you fancy learning some new dance moves, taking part in a live exercise class, listening to a story or participating in a live cook-along, visit the Port Sunlight Community Hub Facebook page. Also, watch out for our new free, festive activity trike which will park up at different locations each week.

Can't get out? Get in touch. We can drop off self-led activities.

Also, keep up to date with what's on via the residents' website - www.portsunlightresidents.com - or call Claire on 07592 035923 / 0151 318 4137.

Our outdoor tai chi classes were really popular with residents



During the summer months our Tuesday Table offered free fruit and veg from our community allotment, as well as quizzes and games



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Wirral Coronavirus Info Bank

Callers are signposted to local, free services to help with food shopping, food parcels, collecting medication, emergency fuel support, welfare and hardship enquiries, and if you have been asked to shield by your GP. Every resident, regardless of age or vulnerability, should keep their number to hand. Call: 0151 666 5050

Age UK Wirral

For help with food shopping and medication collections. Call: 0151 647 3537

Helplink Community Support Covid-19

Support for older people, offering shopping, transport and befriending. Call: 0151 648 3322

Shop Assist (Rapid Response) volunteer group

Offering assistance with shopping. A £2 donation is suggested by the group. Call: 0800 009 6573

HOW PORT SUNLIGHT FOUND WAYS TO CONNECT DURING COVID-19

Lots of small but meaningful ways we have reached out...

...neighbours' WhatsApp groups; making a point of smiling and saying 'hello' to a stranger; participating in socially-distanced coffee mornings; clapping for NHS staff, carers and key workers each week; socially-distanced tea parties; VE Day celebrations and decorations; windows decorated with messages of thanks and hope; the first ever Wirral Pumpkin Trail; stay-at-home Halloween activity kits; and a magical Fairy Garden in the Dell to escape lockdown created by Claire Spilletts...

FLOWERPOT CHARACTER COMPETITION

It was a Port Sunlight favourite and this year we brought it back! Over the August Bank Holiday weekend more than 30 flowerpot character creations were introduced to the village residents in our Flowerpot Character Competition. We saw some truly imaginative creations, but there could only be three winners.

First place went to Claire Spilletts and family who created an iconic Wizard of Oz scene.

Second place went to Anna Jones and her ingenious Potapus (see page 2).

Third prize to Grace Fitzgerald with her incredible magical unicorn creation.



First prize winner, Wizard of Oz!



Third prize winner, Magical Unicorn!

PORT SUNLIGHT PEOPLE PROJECT

During lockdown a team of more than 80 community volunteers, led by resident Anna Grace Du Noyer, supported the most vulnerable and isolated people in our village. Between March and July, the Port Sunlight People Project fulfilled more than 180 requests for daily living needs; from collecting medications and grocery shopping to phone calls with those feeling lonely and scared. Those with more complex needs were signposted, with vital connections formed between people in need and an array of important services.

Wellbeing was also very important and together with Bridge Cottage Community Hub the project shared tomato plants donated by Port Sunlight Garden Centre, sunflower kits donated by Port Sunlight Community Allotment, and more than 40 Easter eggs donated by The Sunlight Stitchers.

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers. Your acts of kindness have helped so many. A new helpline has recently been launched for residents affected by this second lockdown. Call: 07548 393696, 10am-3pm, Monday-Friday

Email: portsunlightpeopleproject@gmail.com Twitter: [Twitter.com/PSPeople](https://twitter.com/PSPeople) Facebook: [Facebook.com/groups/portsunlightpeopleproject](https://facebook.com/groups/portsunlightpeopleproject)



PORT SUNLIGHT LITTER PICKERS

Keeping a village like Port Sunlight clean is a mammoth job, not only for PSVT's landscape team but now also for a committed team of residents known as the Port Sunlight Litter Pickers. Residents will have noticed that Port Sunlight has been very popular with visitors in recent months, but with this increase in numbers comes an increase in litter. This hardy band of residents, led by Andrew Barnes, rallied themselves, and using equipment provided by PSVT set about keeping our green spaces litter free.

If you'd like to join their number contact c.bates@portsunlightvillage.com or 07592 035923.



A big thank you to the Port Sunlight Litter Pickers!



PRETTY PORT SUNLIGHT

A snap of residents Harry & Sonia Koffman during VE Day celebrations. It was taken by local photographer, Scott Woolley, whose fabulous photos of Port Sunlight in lockdown can be found at www.instagram.com/prettyporlight/

HOW DO 'SUNLIGHTERS' FEEL ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

Port Sunlight Village Trust is committed to reducing its environmental impact and we know that many of you are too. We would like to better understand residents' views about the environment and have commissioned The Environmental Partnership (TEP) to deliver our first ever environmental sustainability strategy.

TEP started this process in August 2020 and as part of its work is surveying village residents and local business owners about environmental issues. What you are currently doing to reduce your impact? What you would like to see happen in the future?

Tell us by accessing the survey here <https://s.surveypal.com/sgm1WeMuk> or by scanning the QR code. If you don't have internet access call the PSVT office on 0151 644 4800 to request a paper copy. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and you do not have to leave your contact details.

The survey closes on 31st December 2020 so please do not delay.

Your views are absolutely essential to helping us understand the environmental challenges that we face as a charity and a community. They will help us to create a ten-year action plan for making the village a green(er!) place to live, work and visit.



Green Homes Grants

In August, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) launched a Green Homes Grant voucher programme for England. This system was introduced to encourage homeowners to invest in energy saving measures to reduce their energy use or to install low-carbon heating.

The BEIS vouchers will cover two-thirds of the cost of eligible improvements, up to a maximum government contribution of £5,000. Low-income households can get 100% of the costs of work covered up to £10,000.

How does the scheme work?

Green Homes is a two-tier system. Homeowners must first invest in at least one primary measure (eg installing loft insulation), before they can receive funding to offset the cost of secondary measures (eg draught-proofing windows and doors).

Many of the improvements included in the programme are not suitable for the Grade II listed houses in Port Sunlight, however, village homeowners may still benefit from this programme. Remember that:

- Period houses function differently from modern houses and there is no 'one size fits all' approach for insulating and improving Port Sunlight houses. There's more information on improving period houses here - <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/energy-efficiency-and-historic-buildings/>
- Some works might require Listed Building Consent from Wirral Council. At the moment, the council is taking about 10 weeks to decide applications.
- The programme covers labour, materials and VAT costs. Works must be completed by a TrustMark-registered installer who is registered with the scheme and who meets PAS and MCS standards.

Programme details are here:

<https://greenhomesgrant.campaign.gov.uk>

The deadline for work was originally 31st March 2021 but has been extended to 2022.



A REVOLUTION AT THE ART GALLERY!

German Revolution: Expressionist prints is the new exhibition at the now reopened Lady Lever Art Gallery.



German Revolution: Expressionist prints © Gareth Jones

The exhibition explores the social, political, sexual and moral struggles that took place during the turbulent time of the German Revolution (1918-19) and how it moved artists to produce powerful, dramatic imagery.

Featuring work by some of the most influential artists of the 20th century, this monumental group of radical and diverse prints looks at the very different responses artists had to the anarchy and violence of civil war. Some pieces can be seen as a bid to escape the turmoil of the revolution, while others as a desperate cry for change. Even today these images possess the power to stir the emotions.

Must-see pieces include two works by Käthe Kollwitz, *La Carmagnole* of 1901 and *Helft Russland* ('Help Russia') of 1921; *In the Man's Brain* by Edvard Munch of 1897; Max Beckmann's *Adam and Eve* of 1917, and Pablo Picasso's *The Frugal Meal* of 1904.

The exhibition is drawn from the collection of The Hunterian, University of Glasgow and runs until 28 February 2021.

VISITING THE GALLERY

There have been a few changes at the gallery to adhere to government social distancing guidance.

- Visitors are advised to book in advance at www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever or by calling the box office on 0151 478 4444.
- Some areas of the gallery are closed, so check the website or call ahead if you're keen to visit the shop or café, or if there is an artwork or room you'd particularly like to visit.
- Please wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.
- The gallery is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.



The People, 1922, woodcut by Käthe Kollwitz

SOS! (SAVE OUR STAGE!)

The Gladstone Theatre needs you!

The Covid-19 crisis has significantly impacted on the village and that includes The Gladstone Theatre. Its full programme of shows has been either cancelled or postponed, and as a non-profit charitable organisation that receives no regular public funding, instead relying on ticket sales, that is disastrous.

We know The Gladstone Theatre has the best audiences and supporters and now it needs your help if it is to reopen. Can you make a donation and support the theatre through the most challenging time it has ever faced?

The team has set up a crowdfunding page to help raise funds to save the theatre from imminent closure and allow it to reopen its doors. Anything you can give would be massively appreciated. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-the-gladstone>

This is not the finale; it is just an interval.



Christmas

IN PORT SUNLIGHT IS NOT CANCELLED!!!

While some village traditions, such as the Christmas light switch on and New Year's eve celebrations, will have to wait a year, many of the other activities that make this season so special can and will go ahead.

CHRISTMAS WINDOW DISPLAYS

Why not wow your neighbours with a homemade Christmas window display? There are some great examples shown here, produced by communities in Saltaire, Bristol and Swindon. Participating houses could even join together to become a trail that residents might explore on a dark, winter's evening.

If you would like to take part in a Christmas Window Trail please contact c.bates@portsunlightvillage.com and let us know your address. If you need basic materials to get started we have a small amount available for residents to use to create their displays.

Get creative and let us know what you are doing!



CHRISTMAS AT HULME HALL

There's a special Christmas lunch being served at Hulme Hall's new restaurant this December. On Sunday 13th December you can indulge in...

- A one-course Christmas turkey lunch with all the trimmings - £9.50
- A two-course roast lunch with dessert - £13.50

Food is being served 12:30-3pm and to book a table call 0151 644 8797. And while you're there why not browse around the flea market? It opens at 8:30am.



FESTIVE DRINKS ON THE GREEN

If you enjoyed socially-distanced food and drink on Museum Green during the summer months you'll no doubt be pleased that Happy Days Mobile Bar & Barista and Espresso Eccellente will be with us throughout December. So, whether you fancy a frosty, festive get together with friends, a warming brew after a wintry walk, or simply a break from homeworking, head along to Museum Green. Details on PSVT's social media.



TUDOR ROSE TEAROOM

Merry Christmas from the Tudor Rose Tearoom where they are getting into the Christmas spirit. They are now taking bookings for their Christmas Victorian Tea for Two - the ultimate treat. If you fancy something warming they are also serving their very popular homemade Christmas Dinner soup, indulgent hot chocolates in a variety of festive flavours, plus their usual menu.

And if you're looking for a foodie present for that someone special give their gift hampers and small gifts a try!



VIRTUAL SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

If you can't go to church then the church will come to you!

Christ Church may have been closed during lockdown but that did not stop us broadcasting to our congregation, with parishioners able to stream the Sunday service via Zoom. Lockdown may have lifted but we understand that many of you are not comfortable with larger gatherings or will continue to shield for health reasons, and so we will continue to stream our Sunday Worship on Zoom.

These services are slightly shorter at 30 minutes (adhering to government and United Reformed Church guidelines) and include music (hymn singing is not possible at this time), responsive prayers, a Bible reading and reflection. There will be one 10:30am service each Sunday for the time being, except for the second Sunday of the month when the service will take place at 3pm.

The livestream is available not just to those with an internet connection but to anyone with an ordinary telephone. Details of how to join the livestream are in the Weekly Bulletin in the blog section of the church website: <https://christchurchportsunlight.wordpress.com/blog/>

As well as being available via our website, these Weekly Bulletins are distributed to our congregation by post, email and Facebook. They contain full details of the Covid-19 measures in place for worship in the church building.



Join in with Sunday Worship from Home

We continue to offer our Sunday Worship on Zoom. The stream will open by 10.20am and you will be admitted immediately.

To join the service by video you will need to either:

- click on the zoom link provided below, or
- open the Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID and Password provided.
- Please select 'Speaker View', and remain muted.

Join Zoom Meeting using the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98497414236?pwd=blUlrMnwQENkUkowTERUeFFkRElQU09>

Meeting ID: 984 9741 4236

Meeting Password: 674153

If joining by landline or mobile phone there are seven numbers to try that are listed below.

- Choose any one of the number listed below, if it is engaged try another number.
- You will be asked to key in the Meeting ID: 984 9741 4236, followed by '#'.
- You will be asked for the Participant ID, ignore this and press '#'.
- You will then be asked for the Meeting Password: 674153, followed by '#' again, this should get you through!
- Please remain muted.

Dial-in numbers:	0203 481 5237	0208 080 6592
	0203 481 5240	0131 460 1196
	0203 901 7895	0330 088 5830
	0208 080 6591	





THE PORT SUNLIGHT LOTTERY

Fancy **winning £1,000** in time for Christmas? Then play the Port Sunlight Lottery and be in with a chance of **winning one of 30 cash prizes every week**. In the past six weeks four of your neighbours have won a prize!

For just £2/week you will be entered into the weekly draw, plus an additional entry into the annual grand draw with a **jackpot of £10,000**.

To play visit <https://giantcashbonanza.online/portsunlight/> You can play up to six lines each week and can pay monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly. You must be 16 years of age or older to take part.

Who runs the lottery?

The Port Sunlight Lottery is administered by Giant Cash Bonanza. All of the money paid by you for

your lottery numbers will, after the deduction of prize money and reasonable administration expenses, be invested back into the village, and will help support the delivery of special community and heritage projects.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Preston at s.preston@portsunlightvillage.com or on 0151 644 4802.



BRASSED OFF!

2020 should have been a busy year for Port Sunlight Lyceum Brass band; Whit Friday Marches in June, various summer concerts, Remembrance Parade, preparing for the North West Area Championships, Christmas rehearsals... But it was all cancelled following March's lockdown, and nearly eight months later the band is still to hold a full rehearsal.

Ralph Peters of the band explains: "Like any music ensemble we enjoy what we do, we don't get paid, we do it because we want to. For all of us it is an important part of our lives and for the last eight months it's not been there. It has been a huge chunk of our lives that has been missing. It's not just us though, there are people out there who have missed us performing..."

However, the band has not been idle. They have produced videos of themselves playing popular brass band music; members recorded their parts at home before the individual videos were fused along with village location shots. Check them out on Facebook – it's really impressive!

During the warmer weather groups of six musicians managed socially-distanced performances around the village, while some members played the last post for VE Day and Remembrance Day. And you can keep up to date with the band's winter activities - including the odd Christmas carol or two - on social media.

www.lyceumbrass.co.uk

Facebook: @portsunlightlyceumbrass

A MESSAGE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

You may have noticed a police presence in the village recently – both mobile and on foot – and may even have spoken to an officer. Unfortunately, this is due to a recent spate of criminal damage in the village.

Constable Colin Anderson from Bebington Police Station has been in touch with PSVT as police are seeking information about these crimes. You are assured that any information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence and your details will not be revealed to anyone else. Statements can also be taken without your personal details being disclosed.

Contact:

Email: A4.South.Wirral.Neighbourhood@merseyside.pnn.police.uk

Force Website: www.merseyside.police.uk

Tel: 101 / 999 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 (report anonymously)

Constable Anderson is keen to reassure everyone that Port Sunlight is usually a very safe place to live and work. However, if you feel affected by the recent incidents and need support or advice visit the new Victim Care Merseyside website - <http://www.victimcaremerseyside.org/>

Support your village!!!

Port Sunlight Village Trust has recently launched a new 'support us' section on our website. Here you will find details of everything from commemorative benches and volunteering to legacies and our special projects. It's a great resource for anyone wanting to support their village.

To find out how you can give your time – or money – to our great cause visit <https://www.portsunlightvillage.com/support-port-sunlight/>



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*Have you got a story for a forthcoming issue of the Port Sunlight Gazette?
Contact the PSVT office by phone 0151 644 4800 or email feedback@portsunlightvillage.com*

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